



Mosquito Bytes

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Tour to Historic Aviation Services

It's time once again to journey northward to Wetaskiwin for a look at the progress on our Hurricane in the hands of Historic Aviation Services and to snoop around the back rooms of the Reynolds-Alberta Museum.

Last year we had members throwing friends and family in the car at the last minute and as a result we ended up with too many people. Members are allowed to bring ONE non-member only please. All names must be submitted before the tour.

Time, date and place are 11:00 a.m., Saturday May 28 in the parking lot of the RAM. As with last year, make your own way. From north Calgary it's a 2.5 hour drive, sans bathroom breaks.

First come first served. Email me at calgarymosquito@telus.net to claim a spot. If you are an old fashioned computer-less type, phone and leave me a message at 403-235-1350.

Prez

JUNE 4: MOSQUITO CELEBRATION EVENT

Mark it and be there: Saturday June 4, all day at the Bomber Command Museum in Nanton. Its all about our favourite airplane which turns 70 years old. Featured speaker is Robert Stitt coming out from Vancouver Island to talk about Spartan and their use of the Mosquito. Also coming out is the Packard Car Club. Come out and see our new 42" touchscreen display and follow along with Restoration Boss Jack McWilliam as he give live tours of



Our Hurricane, looking quite sinister, awaits your visit....



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Clean and shiny spark plugs ready for installation in the Hurricane's Merlin.

Below, Don and Jack do their best to reduce our baby to sawdust as they sand off a scabby old patch.



Richard de Boer

FACEBOOK

Ya, I know... who ever thought at Mr. Prez would be a Facebook user? Well not Mr. Prez! I joined all the old folk who resisted it when we started to release our videos, figuring it would be a good way to get out the word about this aspect of our organization. It was and continues to be a good way to let our members and the world at large know what is going on with our projects and activities on a weekly basis. If you are on the FB, check us at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MossieSociety/>

MAY 14 EVENT @ the Bomber Command Museum

Very cool stuff on offer: vintage aircraft parts, artifacts, signed prints (Bader, Tuck and more) household goods and a Lanc run. Come out and spend some bucks for a great cause!



**BOMBER COMMAND
MUSEUM of CANADA**



& SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, MAY 14, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hwy 2 Southbound, at the Museum

Nanton, Alberta

*From now until sale, **DONATIONS ACCEPTED** daily from 10 to 4 at the Museum. **NO JUNK PLEASE!!** Lunch concession available.*

For more information: 403-646-2270

All proceeds go to the Lancaster Building Expansion.



QUARTERLY REPORT

We just posted our latest quarterly report on our website at <http://www.calgarymosquitosociety.com/feature56/feature56.html> Check it out for the latest news and progress reports on the restoration of both airplanes and our various other doings with videos, events, new t-shirts, etc.



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Scott McTavish

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Jack McWilliam



Membership Reminder

Last reminder to renew! Hate to see you go, but in order to stay current we need to hear from you and your \$20. If you choose not to, then I'll say thanks for the support; It's all helped. To those who have already re-upped, an even bigger thanks. It takes a team to get this job done and you are part of it. Online renewals here: <http://www.calgarymosquitosociety.com/membership.htm>

ALL VIDEOS NOW RELEASED

After working with Pan Productions for two years, we have finally completed and released our short videos in fulfillment of our mandate to 'Honour and Educate'. You can see all 35 on our YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=calgary+mosquito I met with one of our largest funders for this project, the Calgary Foundation just two weeks ago to review the results. They were very pleased with the calling the videos "Great story telling" and offering their congratulations. One of our interviewees wrote "What a great tribute you have all made to the memory of the Mosquito with this DVD. It was certainly well put together!" And from one of our most vocal critics these words of praise "...after watching the films, I now have much admiration for the number of dedicated souls that are working to see its completion. Good on them!"



Our 35 short videos are now available to all on our YouTube channel. For those who like to own, the two DVD set is available for just \$20!



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NEW BOARDIES

Welcome to our two newest board members Dick Snider and Don Henderson who stepped up to serve at our Annual General Meeting on March 9. Both have been very active as hands on volunteers in the restoration of the Mosquito bringing a variety of talents to our project. We also say farewell and thank you for their service on the board to Ken Pootz, David Dunsmore and Stephane Guevermont.

SHIRTS IN STOCK



After a few false starts we finally have t-shirts and golf shirts. Available on site at the Bomber Command Museum. Another reason to come down and visit. Ts at \$25, golfs at \$35. New design to be available for the June 4 event. See you there then.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

Gordon Riley's new book titled Hawker Hurricane Survivors is now out. We are happy to recommend it and not just because our beloved bird has its very own chapter! The March issue of FlyPast feature a reprint of the F for Freddie story and Classic Wings magazine, Vol 22, No 2 (their 100th issue!), has a news piece on both of our birds.

